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BEXLEY PASSES LANDMARK OF 1,000 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

More than 1,000 street co-ordinators are now working as part as Bexley's Neighbourhood Watch Association to keep local people and businesses safe.

The landmark was passed recently and is the latest success for the Association, the most successful of its kind in London.

"The success of the borough's Neighbourhood Watch Association is one of the reasons Bexley is consistently among the very safest boroughs in London," said Cllr Peter Craske, Chairman of the Bexley Community Safety Partnership. "I applaud the part they play in the life of the community, which reflects local residents' commitment to their community and to helping keep vulnerable people safe."

Borough Commander Jeff Boothe added: "Bexley's Neighbourhood Watch network is a very important partner to our officers in keeping people safe. If people want to do something practical to help themselves and their neighbours, I would recommend they contact the Neighbourhood Watch Association at the police station and sign up."

Bexley currently has 1,049 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, who between them cover 728 streets and 39,337 households.

It has also set up a number of special groups that reflect particular interests, to collect and share information and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. These groups include –

HoundWatch (dog walkers) – 375 members

FaithWatch (places of worship) – 95 members

PlotWatch (allotment holders) – 60 members

ShopWatch (shops in smaller parades) – 344 members

HorseWatch (for stables and horse owners) – 10 members

The Association is based at Bexleyheath Police Station.

To help bring the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch to your neighbourhood, please contact -

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